

46 *The Whitsuntide-Gift : or,*
place, which I would wish this Company
to read when they go that Way. These
are the Words :

The following authentic Relation is to deter all Persons from calling down the Vengeance of God, or taking his holy Name in vain.

Thursday Jan. 25, 1753. Ruth Pierce of Pottern, agreed with three other Women, to buy a Sack of Wheat. One of the three collecting the Money, and discovering some wanting, demanded it of Ruth Pierce, who said, she had paid her Share, and rashly wished she might drop down dead, if she had not ; which she instantly did on repeating her Wish, with some Money concealed in her Hand, to the Amaze and Terror of the crowded Market.

The tenth Commandment is :

Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife, nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any Thing that is his.

Here we are commanded to be contented with our own Condition, and with our own Things,

The way to be very HAPPY. 47
Things, and not to covet those which belong to others. This Commandment is of the utmost Importance, for it not only tends to preserve Peace in Society, but in the Breast of every Individual. *A contented Mind is a continual Feast*, saith the Proverb ; and true it is ; for he that is always coveting, is always wretched.

These are the ten Commandments which you see are easily understood, and easily remembered ; and the Substance of these our Blessed Saviour has laid down in two Commandments, which I shall give you in the Words of the sacred Text.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind ; this is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it ; Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thyself. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Now after this, I hope none will complain that their Duty is difficult to be understood, or hard to be remembered. And when